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**FISCAL NOTE**  
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Senate Bill 463 (Senator Hoffman)

Economic and Environmental Affairs

Economic Matters

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**Baltimore City - Alcoholic Beverages - Class A License Transfers**

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This bill exempts a transfer of a Class A beer, wine, and liquor alcoholic beverages license from the prohibition against locating a licensed premises within 300 feet of a church or school in Baltimore City, provided that: (1) the license is transferred from Ward 12, Precinct 1 to a property within a block surrounded by Elm Avenue, Berry Street, Paine Street, and West 37th Street; (2) the transfer has the written support of the Hampden Community Council, the Hampden Village Merchant's Association, and Hampden Main Street; and (3) the transfer is consistent with the Hampden Urban Plan.

The bill takes effect June 1, 2001.

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**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** None.

**Local Effect:** Baltimore City finances would not be directly affected.

**Small Business Effect:** Potential meaningful. To the extent this permits a small business to continue operating at a new location rather than closing, there will be a significant impact.

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**Analysis**

**Current Law:** In Baltimore City, in the 2nd, 3rd, 4th, and 5th Legislative Districts as they existed on January 1, 1972, and the 47th Legislative District, no new license or removal of an existing license shall be granted to sell alcoholic beverages in any building located within 300 feet of a church or a school, although an existing license may be

renewed or extended for the same building. The restrictions regarding distance do not apply to the following licenses: (1) except in the 47th Legislative District, Class B beer and wine and Class B beer, wine, and liquor; (2) Class C beer and wine; and (3) Class C beer, wine, and liquor. Also, except in the 47th Legislative District, the governing body of a church may in writing waive the restrictions for any other license with respect to cafes or restaurants that are located within 250 feet of a theater with 300 or more seats that is operated by a nonprofit theater association.

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### **Additional Information**

**Prior Introductions:** None.

**Cross File:** HB 804 (Delegate Campbell, *et al.*) - Economic Matters.

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